

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday February 22, 2011 7 p.m.

H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS

The audience, participants and general public should be aware that any and all portions this open meeting may be recorded by audio and video resources. All or some of this meeting may be rebroadcast periodically by WRPS or other outlets. Persons wanting a DVD copy of this meeting should contact WRPS or the BOS office, a small fee will be charged.

Chairman Chaffee announced TA Chiocca would not be in attendance.

~Veteran's Agent Anton Materna

Mr. Materna presided over a presentation. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Sgt. Marilyn Gonzalez & Spc. Jessica Pedraza of Rockland. The Mother and Daughter recently returned from military duty in Kuwait and Iraq.

OPEN FORUM

Andy Triantaffelow, 80 Lincoln Road

Expressed his appreciation for donations to the Rockland Fire and Police Departments in remembrance of his wife Helen. Chief Duffey announced the donation was used to purchase a CPR mannequin. Chief Llewellyn explained the donation was used to purchase equipment for the Police Department meeting room.

1. **Open Session Minutes of February 7, 2011**
MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Johnson passed 4-0-1(Minahan abstained)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. **R & R Tavern License Alcohol License review-continued**

Town Counsel Clifford discussed research into the status of all licenses at the Liberty Street location. The various licenses are not in the name of one entity and ownership of the licenses is in question. Attorney Clifford recommended the BOS take no action at this time.

Mr. Rosman spoke to the BOS and indicated he wished to open as soon as possible and would work to provide the BOS with additional documentation. The BOS continued to review the various licenses.

There was some confusion regarding the various entities, various licenses, and proper documentation. Mr. Rosman assured the BOS he would provide additional materials to the BOS.

The BOS discussed having a meeting in 1 week to expedite the licenses for Mr. Rosman. Mr. Clifford suggested Mr. Rosman provide:

- a. **Written notice from the landlord indicating proof of ownership and eviction.**
- b. **Documentation from the ABCC that the transfer is no longer pending or has been withdrawn.**
- c. **Corporate authorization that Mr. Rosman can speak on behalf of ROLA Inc.**

MOTION to hold a meeting on Monday 2/28/11 at 7 PM for the purpose for reviewing Mr. Rosman's Common Vic, entertainment and Alcohol license applications by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

3. **No Item**

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Board of Library Commissioners-Held until later in the meeting.
Municipal Appropriation Requirement**
5. **Rockland Special Ed PAC Toll Booth request.**

Rockland SPED PAC requested approval of a toll booth fundraiser to be held on Saturday May 7, 2011 with a rain date of Saturday May 14, 2011 between the hours of 9AM and 3PM. The BOS instructed the PAC work in coordination with the Police Department.

MOTION to approve by Mr. Johnson 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

6. **Annual abatement of 2008 & 2009 ambulance receipts**

Chief Duffey requested the BOS abate ambulance receivables for FY 2008 and FY2009. The abatement procedure is recommended by the auditors and Town Accountant Hart. There was discussion of the reimbursement rate from Medicare and the co-pay for which the individuals are responsible.

The Chief pointed out some reimbursement rates are lower than the actual cost of the ambulance service. Discussion revolved around possible 3rd party billing or if additional staff could collect outstanding balances. The discussion also mentioned using a collection service or selling the collectables for a portion or percentage of the amount due.

MOTION to abate Fire Department Ambulance receivables for FY08 in the amount of \$249,189.34 and FY09 in the amount of \$333,615.51 by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.

7. **Report of the Charter Committee**
Jared Valanzola, Chairman of the Charter Committee called the meeting of the Rockland Charter Committee to Order. Mr. Valanzola spoke to the BOS to present recommendations of the committee.

The Charter Committee recommended the 3 currently elected positions of Town Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk be changed to

appointed positions rather than elected. The changes would take place in the event of a vacancy or become effective on April 14, 2011.

Mr. Minahan spoke regarding the proposed recommendations of the Charter Committee. He outlined the change in the role of the positions and how they have evolved. Mr. Minahan cited studies have shown the benefits of appointed positions versus elected positions.

There was discussion of many other possibilities and concepts in organization of municipal government.

The Charter Committee adjourned its meeting.

Item #4 taken out of order

**Board of Library Commissioners-(previously passed over).
Municipal Appropriation Requirement**

Mr. Chaffee read the letter indicating Rockland had received its waiver for the Municipal Appropriation Requirement.

CORRESPONDENCE-Mr. Chaffee

~Read a letter requesting any items, photos or letters of interest regarding the Rockland Fire Department.

~Read an announcement of the Citizens Police Academy. Chief Llewellyn spoke regarding the Academy and the limit of 15 participants.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Mr. Kimball

- ~Congratulated the HS Boys Basketball Team for a successful season.
- ~Cautioned drivers during school vacation week.

Mr. Minahan

- ~Thanked Dave and WRPS for posting the BOS meetings on line.
- ~Discussed the Abington 300th celebration and use of the Rockland Town Seal.

Mr. Johnson

- ~Congratulated the Esten School staff regarding the recent school play.

Ms. O'Brien

- ~Congratulated Ed Reid of the Banner on his 60th Birthday.

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Announced upcoming School Building Committee meetings.
- ~Praised the Rockland H.S. Boys Basketball Team for reaching the play-offs for the 39th consecutive year.
- ~The Rockland HS Hockey team made the playoffs for the 3rd year in a row and had 4 members named to the All Star Team.

30. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice Chairman
for the Board of Selectmen

Note: Open Meetings are recorded by local cable WRPS and are considered the official record of the BOS meetings